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BEGIN SUMMARY: DELEGATIONS AT TODAY'S JCCIA PLENARY SESSION FORMALLY SIGNED AGREEMENT ON SIZE, DUTIES, AND PREROGATIVES OF JOINT PROTECTIVE MILITARY FORCES (PMFS) FOR VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG, WITH NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM VERSION INITIALLED AT LAST WEEK'S MEETING. DELEGATIONS ALSO BEGAN DISCUSSING CIVIL ADMINISTRATION FOR TWO CITIES AND REFERRED PRICKLY QUESTION OF CONTROL AND JURISDICTION OF JOINT POLICE FORCE TO LEGAL EXPERTS. SOUPHANOUVONG HAS SENT ANOTHER MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER WHICH PROMISES EARLY RETURN OF PHOUN SIPRASEUTH AND ENCOURAGES HOPE FOR EARLY FORMATION OF PGNU. END SUMMARY

1. RLG AND LPF DELEGATIONS MET FOR THREE AND ONE-HALF
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HOURS THIS MORNING IN TENTH WEEKLY PLENARY SESSION OF

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JCCIA. AMICABLE ATMOSPHERE CONTINUED, AS DELEGATIONS AGAIN TOOK MID-SESSION BREAK FOR COCKTAILS AND CHAT WITH REPORTERS.

2. DELEGATIONS REVIEWED AND THEN FORMALLY SIGNED, WITH ONLY MINOR CHANGES, AGREEMENT ON SIZE, DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES OF PROTECTIVE MILITARY FORCES (PMFS) FOR VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG WHICH HAD BEEN INITIALLED AT LAST WEEK'S JCCIA MEETING AND ALSO APPROVED BY RLG CABINET JANUARY 23. RLG SPOKESMAN LANE PATHAMMAVONG NOTED THAT AGREEMENT COVERED ALL ESSENTIAL POINTS REGARDING PMFS EXCEPT LOCATION OF RLG FORCES IN VIENTIANE. THIS POINT WILL BE DECIDED LATER, BUT MEANWHILE, LANE SAID, THE DOCUMENT WILL BE GIVEN TO JCCIA'S TWO JOINT SUBCOMMITTEES ON JANUARY 28, SO THEY CAN BEGIN TO IMPLEMENT SOME OF ITS PROVISIONS.

3. DELEGATIONS REPORTEDLY BEGAN DISCUSSING CIVIL ADMINISTRATION OF VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG (ARTICLE 10(A) OF PROTOCOL) AND AGREED TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT IN GREATER DETAIL AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING.

4. REGARDING THE CONTENTIOUS QUESTION OF THE JOINT POLICE FORCES (JPFS), LANE SAID THAT THE TWO DELEGATIONS CANNOT AGREE ON INTERPRETATION OF PROTOCOL AND AGREEMENT CONCERNING JPF AND, THEREFORE, HAD DECIDED TO APPOINT EXPERT JURISTS FROM EACH SIDE TO STUDY THE ISSUE FURTHER, AND REPORT BACK TO JCCIA. LPF SPOKESMAN PHAO ASSERTED THAT SOME PEOPLE ON THE RLG SIDE ARE ATTEMPTING TO MAKE A UNILATERAL INTERPRETATION OF THE PROTOCOL, WHICH HAS THE EFFECT OF DELAYING THE FORMATION OF THE NEW PGNU AND THE JNPC.

5. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, RLG SPOKESMAN PHAGNA OUDAY SOUVANNAVONG, IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE THIS MORNING, ANNOUNCED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD RECEIVED ANOTHER MESSAGE FROM PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG, STATING THAT LATTER WOULD BE SENDING PHOUN SIPRASEUTH BACK TO VIENTIANE TO CARRY OUT FURTHER TALKS REGARDING FORMATION OF NEW PGNU. OUDAY SAID THE MESSAGE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS "LESS POLEMICAL AND MORE CONCILIATORY" THAN EARLIER MESSAGES AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT PHOUN'S RETURN WOULD PERMIT THE EARLY FORMATION OF THE PGNU. LPF SPOKESMAN SAID THAT HE COULD PROVIDE FULL TEXT OF SOUPHANOUVONG'S MESSAGE ON JANUARY 25.

6. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THAT PRIME MINISTER WAS ELATED WITH MESSAGE AND ENCOURAGED IN BELIEF THAT

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PHOUN WILL BRING WITH HIM LIST OF MINISTERS FOR PGNU.
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